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Sierra Army Depot Proposed Facility Boundary Change

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a proposed boundary change for Sierra Army Depot. The Sierra Army Depot Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action Complete Determination removes previously transferred Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) parcels from the Sierra Army Depot RCRA hazardous waste facility. This notice provides information regarding the purpose of the determination, the property subject to this determination, and the opportunity for public comment.

Background

Sierra Army Depot is located adjacent to the unincorporated community of Herlong in Lassen County, California. The U.S. Army (Army) acquired Honey Lake in 1933 for use as an aerial bombing and gunnery range. In 1942, Sierra Ordnance Depot began operations as a reserve storage and supply depot for the U.S. Department of Treasury. It was re-designated as Sierra Army Depot in 1962 as the result of an Army reorganization. Sierra Army Depot's mission included demolition of ordnance, operation of a function test range, and storage of ammunition, explosives, missiles, and propellant. Sierra Army Depot was selected for a major realignment during the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). As part of the 1995 (and subsequent 2005) BRAC processes, Sierra Army Depot experienced a transformation of its mission, including ceasing demilitarization activities. Between 1997 and 2004, Sierra Army Depot released several parcels, a total of 62,104.7 acres, for reuse, including Herlong and Susanville Roads and the clean portions of Honey Lake, the East Shore, and Amedee Airfield. Portions of these parcels have not transferred due to remaining contamination or were retained for current and future mission needs.

Public Comment Period

September 12 to October 27, 2006

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the proposed facility boundary change (RCRA Corrective Action Complete Determination) and associated Draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption.

Please send written comments, postmarked by October 27, 2006, or e-mailed by 5:00 P.M. on that date to:

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What is RCRA Corrective Action?

DTSC requires a hazardous waste facility to clean up contamination resulting from past practices under a process called corrective action. The corrective action requirement applies to all property under the control of the facility owner or operator. A hazardous waste facility is any facility that treats, stores, or disposes hazardous waste in accordance with authorization issued under RCRA. Sierra Army Depot operated a hazardous waste facility until they notified DTSC of their intent to cease operations and subsequently close the RCRA waste treatment units in 2003. Permitted and closed interim status facilities are required to complete corrective action to clean up contaminated soil, surface water, and groundwater to protect human health and the environment under a process known as corrective action.

Transferred Parcels Cleaned Up

The proposed **RCRA Corrective Action Complete Determination** will officially recognize that all hazardous waste contamination on the applicable transferred parcels has been cleaned up. It allows the Army to transfer clean parcels at Sierra Army Depot to new owners without the transfer of the liability for corrective action.

Sierra Army Depot conducted cleanup of haz-

ardous waste areas under several programs. These programs are the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, commonly known as "Superfund"), overseen by DTSC and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the underground/ aboveground storage tank cleanup programs overseen by the RWQCB and Lassen County Environmental Health Department. Where Lassen County or the Lahontan RWQCB provided regulatory closure letters or cleanup concurrence, DTSC did not conduct independent evaluations of these actions and is basing its determination on the other agency's findings.

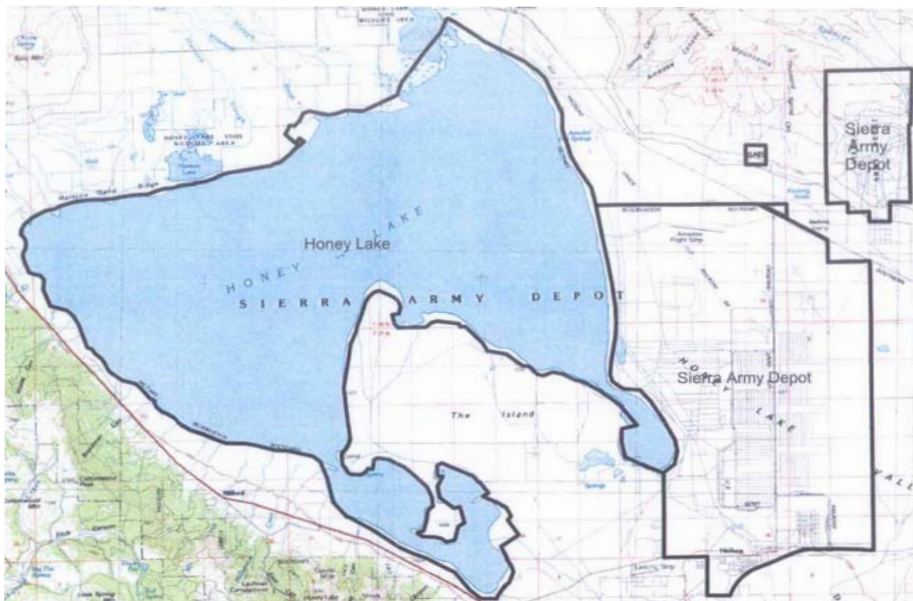
Sierra Army Depot is not a closing installation, nor has it completed its environmental clean up activities. The Army will retain ownership of the Former Honey Lake Demolition Range, which consists of approximately 4,486 acres of the eastern portion of Honey Lake. This property is not currently suitable for transfer due to ongoing investigation and cleanup work. RCRA Closure and Corrective Action requirements continue to apply to the retained property on Sierra Army Depot. The maps on Page 3 show the original (pre-transfer) and proposed (post-transfer) SIAD hazardous waste facility boundary.

Table 1: Transferred Property at Sierra Army Depot for which Corrective Action Completion Determination is proposed.

Finding of Suitability To Transfer (Date)	Acres	Number of Buildings	SWMUs, IRP Sites, USTs and ASTs**
Herlong Parcel (2/13/03)	550	20	15 USTs and 12 ASTs
Fed-to-Fed Transfers* (Prison and Susanville Rancheria) (1997)	744	64	0
Honey Lake (MEC-Clean Portion) (9/17/03)	57,632.71	0	0
East Airfield Clean & Clean Southern Section of East Shore Parcel (5/13/2003)	2,274	3	1 AST
Susanville Road and South Cross Depot Access Parcels (2/27/04)	904	0	0
Totals	62,104.71	87	15 USTs and 13 ASTs

* Fed-to-Fed = Federal Agency to Federal Agency transfers do not require FOSTs

** SWMU = solid waste management unit; IRP = Installation Restoration Program; UST = underground storage tank; AST = aboveground storage tank



Sierra Army Depot Boundry (Pre-Transfer)
Original Boundaries

Corrective Action Complete

The Army prepared Finding(s) of Suitability to Transfer (FOSTs) and «Environmental Condition of Property» documents for each of the properties that have transferred. These documents certify the environmental suitability of federally-owned property at Sierra Army Depot for transfer to non-federal or other federal ownership, respectively, consistent with CERCLA and Department of Defense policies. All of the property considered for this RCRA Corrective Action Complete Determination has been determined to be free from environmental hazards which would restrict future uses of the property (i.e., no land use restrictions or covenants have been imposed by DTSC on these transferred parcels).

These environmental documents support the DTSC determination that all Corrective Action is complete for the listed properties (or parcels) shown in Table 1 on Page 2. For more information about these properties, please see the specific documents.

Where Can I Find More Information?

For more information regarding the proposed Corrective Action Complete Determination or the Draft CEQA NOE, please contact Mr. Charlie Ridenour, Project Manager, at (916) 255-3571 or cridenou@dtsc.ca.gov.

Information Repositories

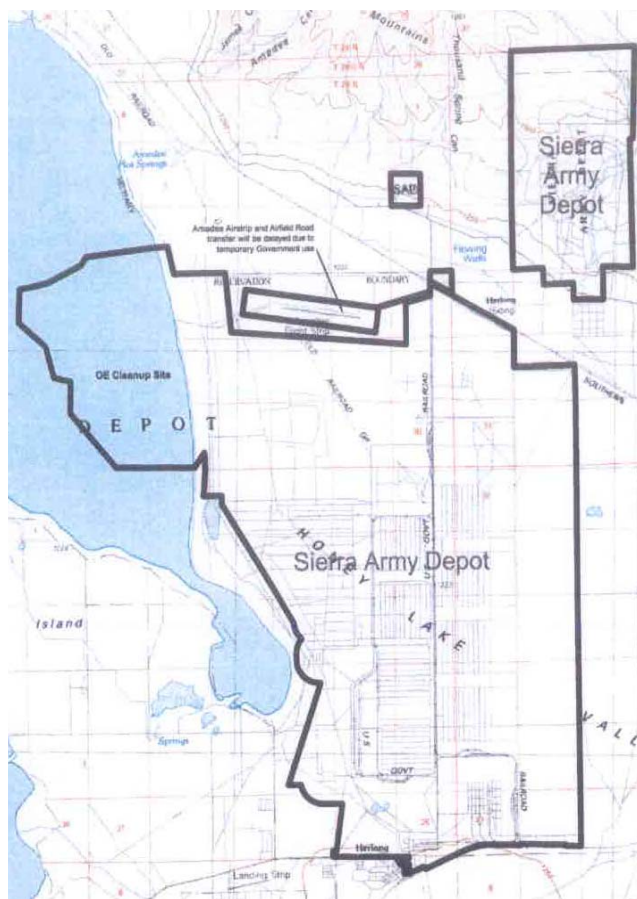
Documents are available at the following Information Repositories:

Herlong Public Library
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Herlong, CA, 96113
(530) 827-4343

Susanville Public Library
1618 Main Street
Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 251-8127

Reno Public Library
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Reno, NV 89501
(775) 327-8300

DTSC Sacramento Office
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Call (916) 255-3758 for an appointment.



Sierra Army Depot Boundry (Post Transfer)
Proposed Facility Boundary Change

Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (866) 495-5651.

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If you would like to be on the mailing list, fill out the information below and mail back to:
DTSC, Ms. Kris Escarda, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826.

Please print name and address clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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☐ Please take me off the Sierra Army Depot mailing list.

Note: While the mailing list is solely for DTSC use, the list is considered a public record.

Notice to Hearing Impaired

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service:
1-888-877-5378.

Ask them to contact Kristine Escarda regarding Sierra Army Depot.

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Inside: Information on Sierra Army Depot Facility Boundary Change removing previously transferred parcels.